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SUBJECT: EC TREATMENT OF POULTRY IMPORTS

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1. SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS, IN A DISCUSSION OF THE POULTRY IMPORT QUESTION, IMPLIED THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF ADJUSTING THE PRICE COEFFICIENTS FOR TURKEY PARTS. THEY ASKED FOR US DATA ON THESE COEFFICIENTS. THEY WERE NEGATIVE ON OTHER US PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS FROM THE DIRECTORATES GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND AGRICULTURE ON MARCH 7 DISCUSSED ISSUES RAISED AT THE JANUARY CONSULTATIONS ON POULTRY (REF B) WITH MISSION OFFICERS. VAN AGTMAAL (CHIEF, POULTRY DIVISION), DID MOST OF THE TALKING FOR HIS SIDE, AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) THE US NEED NOT WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT THE AMOUNT AND VARIABILITY OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES BECAUSE US TURKEY PRICES ARE FIRMING AND MAY EVEN RISE ABOUT THE GATE PRICES.

B) THE RISE IN THE GATE PRICE FOR TURKEYS AND PARTS IN THE PAST

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FEW MONTHS, IN TERMS OF DOLLARS, REFLECTS THE DECLINE OF THE

DOLLAR RELATIVE TO THE UNIT OF ACCOUNT.

C) PREFIXATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES IS IMPOSSIBLE.

D) THE US HAD SUGGESTED THE EC COEFFICIENTS USED IN CONVERTING THE WHOLE TURKEY GATE PRICE INTO GATE PRICES FOR TURKEY PARTS WERE WRONG. HE ASKED FOR US DATA ON THESE COEFFICIENTS.

E) THE COST OF PRODUCTION DATA GIVEN HIM TWO TABLES IN THE JANUARY CONSULTATIONS WERE INTERNALLY INCONSISTENT AND IN CERTAIN REGARDS, SUCH AS ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN LIVE AND SLAUGHTERED PRICE, AND ALLOWANCES FOR INTERNAL AND OCEAN TRANSPORT COSTS, WRONG. HE ASKED THAT WE REVIEW THESE TABLES.

3. WE RESPONDED BY NOTING THAT WE DID NOT WANT TO ENTER INTO A REPLAY OF THE JANUARY CONSULTATIONS. THE US HAD THEN MADE SOME SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, AND WE STILL WERE AWAITING ANSWERS. WE WOULD ASK WASHINGTON FOR DATA ON COEFFICIENTS BUT WE RECALLED THAT SUCH DATA HAD BEEN SUPPLIED IN JANUARY. WE ALSO NOTED THAT VAN AGTMAAL HAD OMITTED THE QUESTION OF DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW QUALITY BONELESS POULTRY. HIS RESPONSE WAS THAT THE POULTRY DIVISION LIKED THIS IDEA BUT HAD RUN INTO OPPOSITION FROM THOSE WITHIN THE COMMISSION WHO ARE OPPOSED TO COMPLEX REGULATIONS.

4. AFTER THE MEETING WE CHECKED OUR NOTES ON THE JANUARY MEETING. THEY SHOWED, AS DOES REF B, THAT THE US SIDE INDEED HAD GIVEN THE COMMISSION THE COEFFICIENTS ON TURKEY PARTS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO THE US. WE TELEPHONED LOERKE, THE COMMISSION'S US DESK OFFICER, WHO TOOK DOWN THE FIGURES AND SAID HE WOULD ADD THEM TO THE COMMISSION RECORD OF THE MARCH 7 MEETING. LOERKE ARGUED THAT, WHILE SOME ELEMENTS OF THE MEETING MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNSATISFACTORY FOR US, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT THE COMMISSION SHOWED AN INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF ADJUSTING THE PARTS COEFFICIENTS. WE SAID THAT WE THOUGHT THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT DISMISS ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS THE POSSIBILITY OF BREAKING OUT A SEPARATE GATE PRICE FOR LOW-GRADE BONELESS POULTRY.

5. WE ALSO EXPRESSED OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE MEETING TO MARMULLA (AGRICULTURE), WHO SAW OUR POINT AND MADE APOLOGETIC NOISES.

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6. COMMENT: WE THINK THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMMISSION WILL ADJUST THE TURKEY PARTS COEFFICIENTS. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO GIVE THOSE WITHIN THE COMMISSION WHO WANT TO STALL AN EXCUSE FOR DOING SO. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY WITH AS COMPLETE DATA AS IS AVAILABLE ON PARTS COEFFICIENTS.
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